

# AP Biology class explores Avera lab

Connor Johnson  
Staff Writer

The AP biology students have received an opportunity to further their knowledge outside of O'Gorman.

They have toured the Avera lab to learn about biotechnology on a first hand basis.

This tour has helped give students a better understanding about information that their textbooks alone could not fully cover.

"I think it's a great chance for the students to understand what they are studying," said Mrs. Tyone Kruse, AP Biology teacher.

She took her biology class to Avera to tour the main lab of the Doctor's Plaza 2 on Feb. 24.

This tour exposed them to the real life applications of the biotechnology.

"I'm really glad I got to go on the tour," said senior Ryan Burke. "It helped to give me a hands-on experience and really see Avera's resources."

They were given the tour by Brandon Sato, who showed them hematology, the study of blood and chemistry instruments. They were also shown the blood bank, donor room, molecular/flow cytometry, technique of counting

and examining microscopic particles, and many other items.

This was their first time taking a tour of Avera.

In previous years, they just used the information that was in their books and did a project.

However, doing the tour of Avera will give them a visual learning experience which they have to capture in a report.

"I think the report will be much easier to write since we got to see the lab firsthand," said Burke.

"It was overall a really cool experience, and I'm grateful to see this new technology."



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O'Gorman students traveled to Avera McKennan to explore the world of biotechnology in an actual laboratory setting. This tour took place in the Doctor's Plaza 2 on Feb. 24.

## Dennis Millar shares fresh perspective on construction

Zach Cole  
Sports Co-Editor

Most current O'Gorman students have known construction their entire high school careers.

"Ever since the second semester of my freshman year some part of the school was either being torn down or added on to," said senior Taylor Kneip.

With all the multiple projects that range from tearing down walls to adding on temporary staircases, there has been one thing that has remained constant. The man that has been in charge of the day-to-day operations of every project started at O'Gorman.

Dennis Millar has been that man for O'Gorman. Many of the students might recognize him if he walked by, but many have never taken the time to find out about the man in the hardhat.

If you ask amongst the teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, and administration, he is simply known as Denny; the funny, very enthusiastic, hardworking foreman of the construction project.

"I've been the Site Superintendent here since the beginning, some three and half years," said Millar.

Along with handling the day-



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Zach Cole talks to construction superintendent Dennis Millar.

to-day operations, Millar also deals with several problems dealing with this unruly climate of South Dakota.

"We have been able to deal with the snow just fine. After

awhile you learn to dress for the weather. It has been the rain that has caused us the most problems," said Millar.

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## Current curriculum offers courses online, outside of building for students

Shilpa Chandran  
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O'Gorman High School offers more courses than many students know.

Outside of the standard course description booklet, students have the opportunity, in certain situations, to take either online courses or courses offered outside of the O'Gorman building.

These online courses can be taken through South Dakota Virtual School or the North Dakota Center for Distance Education.

Online classes are also offered through Sioux Falls Public Schools during the summer.

Students, such as senior Peter Petrasko, take advantage of these opportunities.

"Currently I am in AP Statistics, but I have also taken Multivariable Calculus and Deductive Logic," said Petrasko. "Multivariable Calc and Logic were summer classes at Harvard. For AP Stats, I spend 6th period on a computer in the Guidance office. All the assignments, quizzes, tests, and the textbook are online.

These provide a convenient means for students to expand their

educational horizons.

"Normally, we would schedule [these online courses] into their day, but it is not necessarily required," said Mrs. Donna Carlson, O'Gorman guidance counselor. "It depends on the situation."

Outside of school, students can take classes through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), or classes not offered at O'Gorman at a local public school, college, or university.

"Once we get confirmation that the student is enrolled at the other school, we adjust their schedule here to accommodate travel and class time," said Carlson.

"At the completion of the course, the student requests a transcript be sent to O'G so we can place it on their transcript here."

Choosing to take additional courses is often brought on by the lack of time in a school day.

"I enjoy taking AP Stats," said Petrasko. "I don't have to carry a textbook or papers with me, and I learn about something that I wouldn't normally be able to learn about."

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## Augustana students travel to Egypt, experience riots

Ellen Nelson  
Assistant Editor

Traveling to Egypt just before the rebellion began, band members of Augustana College found themselves with a delayed return home.

"We were kept very safe the whole time," said O'Gorman graduate and Augie band member Emma Enderson.

"They took actions in anticipation of what could happen."

Protests began in response to discontent

over President Hosni Mubarak's 30 year regime and escalated into rioting toward the end of January 2011 in Cairo, Egypt.

To the delight of their tour leaders, the band was able to see a peaceful protest walk by their downtown hotel before moving closer to the airport.

However, despite how the media made the uprisings appear, it was not as dangerous or hectic as people thought.

"We were actually really surprised at how

wrong the news was portraying it compared to what we knew was going on," said Enderson.

"They showed the same clips over and over making it look like it was this terrible, terrible thing."

Enderson went on to say how neat of an experience it was to be in Egypt "for such a major event in Egyptian history" and that the band was usually excited to find out what was happening in the country every day.

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Despite a postponed trip back, the band was not worried about their return home.

“I was glad to spend more time there,” said Enderson.

“I took the view point of ‘we’re here, we’re in Egypt; yes, our flight’s delayed but there was nothing we could do about it.”

During their time delayed, the band members spent their time bonding with their tour guides and as a group in the hotel.

They also spent their time playing cards, shopping at the hotel and at the mall in the airport, and waiting for news.

According to Enderson, the most chaotic part of the trip was the airport and the journey back to the United States.

There was confusion with tickets where half the band didn’t get boarding passes, so they were delayed again onto a second flight out of Cairo.

**“It was really exciting just being in another country and experiencing the culture.”**

**- Emma Enderson**

Even with misunderstandings at the airport the band was not overly worried.

“I wasn’t so much relieved once we were all out of Egypt as I was excited to find everyone was safe and would be back together,”

said Enderson.

Enderson’s group flew from Cairo to Amsterdam, where the group was then split up to fly separately.

The entire Augustana band was then reunited again in Minneapolis before arriving together in Sioux Falls.

After the entire experience in Egypt Enderson said the trip was eye opening and that she would love to go back some day.

“It was really exciting just being in another country and experiencing the culture,” said Enderson. “We were really able to understand why all this was going on from the Egyptians’ perspective rather than from the hyped up news. I was just so happy for the Egyptian people.”

| Upcoming Events |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3/5/11          | State Powerlifting Meet              |
| 3/7/11          | Augie Jazz Festival                  |
| 3/9/11          | Ash Wednesday                        |
| 3/14/11         | Senior Open Campus begins            |
| 3/16/11         | Junior Retreat                       |
| 3/17/11         | St. Patrick’s Day (No school!)       |
| 3/19/11         | Boy’s State Basketball               |
| 3/24/11         | Empty Bowls<br>All State Band begins |
| 3/28/11         | Close-Up History trip begins         |
| 3/29/11         | Concert Choir trip begins            |
| 4/5/11          | Dakota STEP testing begins           |
| 4/9/11          | ACT Testing (Good luck!)             |
| 4/12/11         | Sophomore Retreat                    |
| 4/21/11         | Awareness Day<br>Easter Break begins |
| 4/28/11         | Opening night of Musical             |

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And of course the weather has not been the only problem that Millar has had to deal with over the past three years.

“One of the main problems has been making the minor adjustments here and there to things with the latest project (The Performing Arts Center). We cannot just tweak even the smallest detail without consulting an acoustics expert on how the adjustment will affect the sound of the building,” said Millar.

Other problems that Millar has had to deal with are the continuation of the school to function and be safe.

“It is pretty hard with all the people constantly in the building, but we do everything we can to ensure the safety of everyone during our projects,” said Millar.

Safety of course has never been a problem for the students, besides the occasional accidental trip of the fire alarm from time to time.

Over the years, O’Gorman has become almost like a second home for Dennis Millar.

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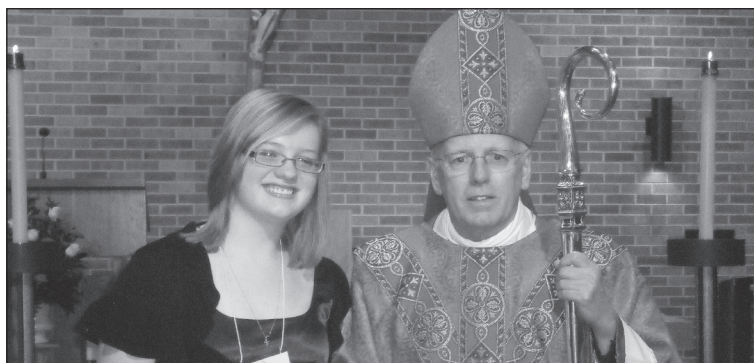
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Corina Arnett celebrates Confirmation with Bishop Swain.

## Students receive gifts of Holy Spirit with Confirmation

Nicole Scheier  
Ryan Soukup

Over this season of ordinary time, many O’Gorman students have received the sacrament of Confirmation. This provides sophomores and a few juniors the opportunity to enhance their faith life and devotion to God.

“After receiving Confirmation, I have a better understanding of my faith, and I have a closer relationship with God,” said sophomore Corina Arnett.

“I think confirmation will give me a spiritual strength I didn’t have before, and it will help me go in the right direction.”

Before students can be confirmed, they need to prepare in order to receive this sacrament.

Over the course of the past few months, students attended classes to obtain more knowledge about the sacrament and their faith.

Also, which parish the student belongs to determines the requirements to be confirmed, which encompasses everything from volunteering to retreats.

“The best part was the retreats and activities we did as a confirmation group to prepare for confirmation,” said Arnett.

Not only does Confirmation provide students with the chance to improve their relationship with God, but it also gives them a chance to have fun with their peers.

“It will help me be stronger in my faith, which will help me in life,” said Arnett.

## Faculty, students anticipate annual Empty Bowls meal

Josh Jorgensen  
Staff Writer

Eating good food for a great cause is what Empty Bowls is all about. Empty Bowls is a program that generates money to fight hunger by serving soup to the general public.

“We receive soup and bread donations from many restaurants in Sioux Falls, and we receive dessert donations from O’G parents,” said Campus Minister Mr. Jonathan Konz.

It takes dozens of volunteers to make this a success, and it takes all of them to say yes in order to help make a difference in the community.

From parents helping bake to the students helping to serve, everyone takes a part in making Empty Bowls a success.

“The students make up the majority of the work force, and the teachers and other faculty members help to coordinate the different areas of the event,” said Konz.

The event usually ends up serving 400-500 people, which is why the help is needed so badly. Even the art department gets involved.

“The art department makes pottery bowls that are sold along with meals to help raise awareness for world hunger,” said Konz.

Individuals not involved in serving are encouraged to come out and eat, which will also make a difference.

A meal alone is four dollars, and a meal with a pottery bowl is \$15. Even a family of four or more can eat for \$20.

“All proceeds are split up between the Good Shepherd Center, The Banquet and the St. Francis House,” said Konz.

The 13th annual Empty Bowls benefit soup supper is on Apr. 7 from 5-7 p.m.

Campus Ministry encourages everyone to get involved as signup sheets will be located outside of the Campus Ministry room.

## Lent brings time to reflect and sacrifice

Fr. Chuck Cimpl  
Guest Writer

Historically, there are some interesting one-liners, spoken by famous people who reflect an obvious lack of vision. Here’s a few I found.

In 1943, IBM Chairman Thomas J. Watson said: “I think there’s a world market for maybe five computers.”

In 1946, Daryl F. Zanuck, chairman of 20th Century Fox Movie Studio said: “TV won’t be able to hold on to any market. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box.”

In 1911, France’s top military commander, Marshal Foch said: “Airplanes are interesting toys, but are of no military use.”

At the turn of the 20th century, William Everett, who ran the U.S. Patent Office said that he would soon have to close up shop because “everything had already been invented.”

The Bible tells us that where there is no vision, the people will perish.

It has also been said that the two greatest days in our life are the day we were born and the day we discovered the reason why.

Why were we born?

On March 9 we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the Old English word for “spring,” a season of planting and patient preparation.

It is a time of transition when, after the harshness of winter, we experience both the fragility of life and the anticipation of renewal.

Many people find that a period of examining their heart helps.

By stepping back from the distractions of life and by “shutting down an engine or two,” this becomes a great solution.

A sacrifice as simple as watching less television or spending less time on our cell phones and the Internet can help.

It can be a great way to give a person an opportunity to reflect on one’s life and one’s relationship with God.

Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the challenges in our lives.

It also gives us the chance to reflect on what we would like to change about our lives.

It is a time to reflect on the purpose of our lives, and how we hope to fulfill God’s will in our life.

The 40 days of Lent can help us discover why we were born.

It also assists us in seeing what ways we have turned away from our God.

So often we think of sin as being those things which bother our conscience.

There is obviously truth in that notion, but so often the most destructive sin is that which never gets on our conscience—at least not until it’s “too late.”

Some things become so much a



Father Chuck Cimpl

part of our daily lives that we don’t even notice them anymore.

Take, for example, the rich man in the story of Lazarus, the beggar; day after day, he walked on by.

Lazarus became so much a part of the scenery that his hunger wasn’t even noticed.

We can imagine Abraham introducing “Dives” to Lazarus across the chasm with the response coming for Satan’s realm: “He looks vaguely familiar, but I must not have noticed him.”

And that’s the problem—not to notice.

God has gifted us with life and a life with meaning.

We were born to be people of vision.

People who want to do what is right and avoid what is wrong.

Let’s use these 40 days to re-evaluate and readjust our relationship with God and others.



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# Students advance to Forensic Nationals

Brad Entwistle  
Staff Writer

Five O'Gorman forensics members will be traveling to the Lone Star State this June to compete in the National Forensic League Tournament.

Both the oral interpretation and debate teams competed at the national qualifying tournament held at Lincoln High School on Feb. 25-26.

For her third straight year, senior Shilpa Chandran qualified for the national tourna-

ment. Like last year, she qualified in the category of oratory.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to go to a national tournament," said Chandran. "Every year we work to make it to this point. I'm just happy to be here."

Senior Joey Johnson and junior Charlie Solomon qualified in duo interpretation for their performance of "Gremlins."

"It was a grueling weekend, but in the end we definitely found some success," said Solomon. "We hope our success here translates to Dallas."

Not to be outdone, juniors Jason Nerland and Simon Scholten scored a perfect record in public forum to secure their place for a trip to Dallas.

The public forum team was the only team at the tournament to go undefeated.

This was the second consecutive year O'Gorman qualified a team in public forum.

Team members spent more than 20 hours competing over the long weekend.

The national tournament in Dallas will be held June 13-18.

Other O'Gorman finalists included Jack

Billion and Steve Schaeffer in duo and Geni Fuller and Joey Bezenek in duo. Dramatic interpretation finalists included Kara Lawler and Shilpa Chandran.

Frankie Maxwell, Fuller and Billion all made the final round of humorous interpretation. Lawler was also a finalist in oratory.

Along with his commanding performance in public forum, Nerland was also a finalist in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

O'Gorman also received special chapter recognition from the Rushmore District.



KATIE SCHWEBACH / KNIGHT SCROLL

O'G students lined up after school to discover whether or not they received their desired roles in the musical.

## Musical auditions present challenge for performers

Brad Entwistle  
Staff Writer

The spring musical is an annual event that sparks enthusiasm and intrigue throughout the school. Before the audience can enjoy one of these great productions the actors must undergo an audition process.

This audition involves a singing portion as well as a dance that must be learned and performed in two days. Musical hopefuls prepare their audition songs well in advance and practice them regularly. The dance is taught to the ac-

tors on the first day of tryouts and they must perform in groups the next day.

"Learning the dance is the most stressful part because you have to get it down so quickly," said senior Hunter Winklepleck.

Students of all talent and experience levels auditioned for a part in the musical. Some experienced actors practiced their songs and picked out desired roles.

Junior Ashton Weber took a different approach. "I didn't practice much and had almost no idea what to expect. I sort of randomly decided to tryout."

After auditioning the actors must

anxiously wait to see what part they received. The decisions are ultimately made by Ms. Teresa and Mrs. Cathy Britton after overseeing the audition process. The cast list was posted after school in the foyer on Feb. 22.

Even after much preparation students realize that not everyone can get the lead role.

"I don't really care what role I get I just want to be part of a great show," said Winklepleck.

The 2010 musical will be *Beauty and the Beast* and it will be performed the weekends of April 28-30 and May 5-7.

## Concert choir visits Boston for chance to sing, serve

Ellen Nelson  
Activities Co-Editor

Every two years O'Gorman Concert Choir travels to another part of the country to sing, tour, and perform different community service projects. At the end of March through early April they will be traveling to the historical site Boston, MA.

"I always like to add a little educational value with a fun trip," said Choir Director Cathy Britton.

Several of the students were excited when they found out where the choir's destination would be, though for various reasons.

I should say I'm most excited about singing, but I'm a history buff so I'm looking forward to seeing some of Boston's greatest landmarks, said senior Chris Michels.

"I'm just excited for the overall experience," said fellow senior Jennifer Schall. She's also looking forward to the opportunity to eat at her uncle's restaurant.

Both seniors are also excited about the chance to spend so much time with their friends.

Now that we're older, it's less worrying about everything and we're going to get to hang out with our friends all day for four or five days, said Michels.

"The concert choir that we have this year gets along really well, so I think that's going to make it even more fun," said Schall.

The choir trip is planned with a full schedule. Other than the typical historical touring, the O'Gorman choir will also have the opportunity to sing in the Kennedy Library and at Mass at the Holy Cross Cathedral where the Cardinal resides, give an exchange

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## Students travel to nation's capitol to experience history

Alyssa Hanisch  
Faith Co-Editor

At the end of March, 31 O'Gorman students will board a plane to leave for Washington D.C. The students are going on the Close Up History Trip to learn what the nation's capitol is really like.

"They will experience firsthand how it's the hub of the world," said Mr. Doug Lindner, who will be traveling with the students out to D.C. along with Mr. Steve Krier.

There are several different activities planned for the week.

These activities consist of workshops, museums,

monuments and a visit to the Capitol Building, followed by meetings with the South Dakota representatives, Sen. John Thune, Sen. Tim Johnson and Rep. Kristi Noem.

With the exception of the last day, the Close Up trip is basically the same as last year.

"This year there will be different things for the kids to go to," said Lindner.

Students have three different options of places to go, compared to last year when the students could choose to go where ever they wanted to go.

Each night the students have group workshops

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Students visit the Capitol Building to meet SD representatives.



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From L to R: Junior Jordan Hermanson hands off to graduate Ryan Graber, junior Connor Schaeftbauer hits a line drive, senior Elliot Czarnecki returns a serve and junior Michaela Kouri putts for birdie.

## Track

The spring will kick off with high hopes as O’Gorman looks for repeat state titles in three of the four sports this spring.

Boys tennis, baseball and girls golf all have the weight of last year’s championships on their shoulders.

### Track

This year’s track team brings great hopes to fans.

The Knights look for strong leadership among the senior class.

They also return many key competitors from last year’s team.

This includes seniors Kelby

Tague, Michael Promes, Patrick Peterson and Kae Januschka.

During the winter, the team participated in winter track which further prepared them for the upcoming season.

## Baseball

The O’Gorman baseball team looks to carry momentum from last year’s state title, the first in school history.

The Knights lost several key components from last years championship team.

However, they have a core group of seniors and juniors to step up and fill the void.

“We have a really good shot to win it again,” said senior Trevor Hurley, “If we do things right and play like we know how, it should be a fun season.”

## Boys Tennis

The boy’s tennis team loses one senior from last year’s state championship team, but returns seven other contributors.

The Knights have won back-to-back state championships and look for the third to add to the collection.

“I’m really looking forward to get back on the court after a long, cold winter” said senior Pierce Mc-

Dowell

The season starts on March 26 when the Knights will host St. Thomas More at McKennan Park.

“It is a long season and we need to come together as a team and stay focused on what’s ahead,” said senior Sean Turgeon.

## Girls Golf

Returning almost a full team, the Lady Knights golf team is counting on another great season

Last season, the girls took home the state championship trophy.

They attribute their success to strong leadership from several key

competitors.

“Our goal is to win every tournament,” said senior Nadia Baka.

This includes the city, conference and state tournaments.

The Knights biggest rival is Brookings.

Brookings has won state titles the past five of six years.

The girls are also taking big steps to improve from last year’s ending.

The challenge the girls golf team continually faces is when practice will officially start due to the unpredictable spring weather in South Dakota.

## Knights prepare to heat up Frost Arena at tournament

JR Stassi  
Entertainment Co-Editor

As the road to Frost Arena in Brookings gets shorter, the chase for the title gets warmer. The Knights are quickly rolling toward the tournament only losing three games the entire season.

The Knights finished the regular season with a record of 17-3, losing to top ranked Washington twice and Roosevelt once.

The team has proven to be a top contender.

This was shown by their close season finale against Washington and their upset of the number one seed Riders mid-way through the season.

“The experience gained from playing teams like Washington and Roosevelt will hopefully help us in the tournament, especially with Washington it is difficult to beat a team three times,” said junior Alyssa Brazil

Early in the season the Riders handed the Knights a tough eight point loss, but the second meeting was a different story.

The lead changed hands numerous times, but the Knights finished strong with a 6 point vic-



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Chandler Nielsen looks to shoot against the Lynx.

tory, knocking off the top ranked Riders.

That same Rider team has handed a loss to the Warriors, a team that rolls its competition behind the senior leadership of Rachel Walters.

The first time Washington and O’Gorman met this season found the Warriors ranked first and the Knights second.

The game quickly got out of hand, ending with a Warrior 51-33 victory.

The second meeting was also a different game, the whole first half

was all Knights leading by 6 at half, but the Warriors rallied early in the third to turn the 6 point deficit into a three point lead.

The Knights pulled within range with 58 seconds left.

However, the Warriors surged to hand the Knights their third defeat of the season.

The Knights tip off districts February 28, March 3 and regions March 5.

The State tournament will be held in the Frost Arena in Brookings March 10, 11, and 12.

## Boys basketball uses momentum for postseason

JR Stassi  
Entertainment Co-Editor

The O’Gorman Knights have caught taste of March madness as they enter the post season of 2011. The Knights finished the regular season in the pursuit of perfection, and the coveted back-to-back state championship.

“We have had a couple of real good games, and there have been a couple games out there that we wish we would have played a little better,” said head coach Derek Robey.

With the GDC title, the Knights are hungry for more and look to dismantle any team that gets in their way. All eyes are on the 11AA District rounds to see who will punch their direct ticket to the tournament.

### Remaining Games

3/4 - Districts  
3/8 - Regions  
3/17-19 - State Tourney

“We simply want to play our best come March,” said Robey.

The Knights will look to repeat last year’s net cutting when they claimed the district title with a victory over the Rough Riders.

The Knights would have to win both district games to earn the week off and a pass to the big show.



Cedrick Lang

“Post season basketball is where you expect to see the best basketball in the state, practices are more intense because you can see the finish line,” said senior Cedrick Lang.

The State tournament returns to Sioux Falls this year and will take place March 17-19. Last year the Knights were pitted in the 4-5 game against cross-town rival Roosevelt.

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